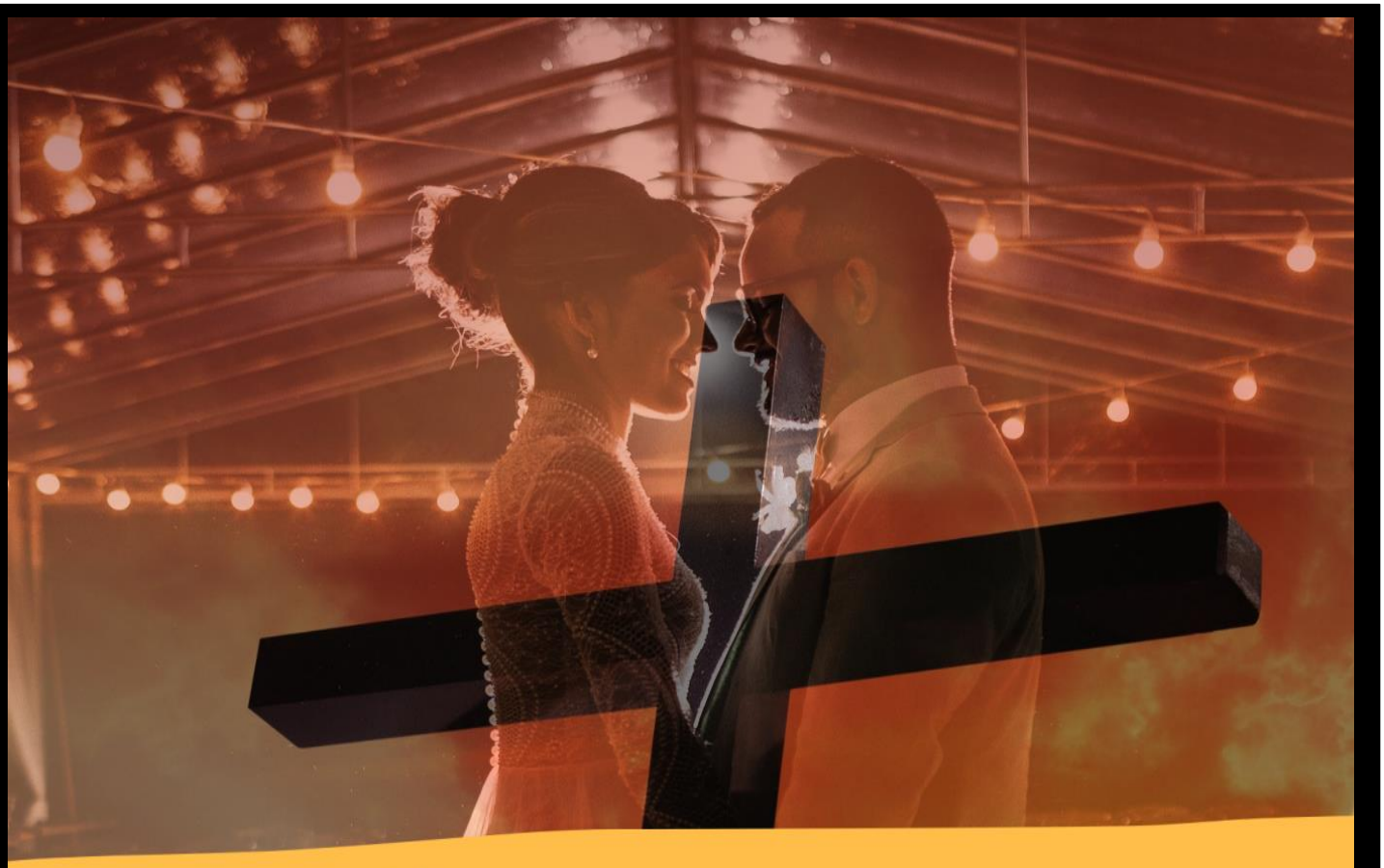

A Spirit-filled journey...

A Godly Lifetime Together

Part 1

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A GODLY LIFETIME TOGETHER

When you take worldly counsel to feed a Godly relationship, you are mostly to destroy its Godly essence. Feed a relationship according to its origin unless you are changing its foundation altogether.

The handbook (manual) of your car recommends what's best for your car. The day you use what is not recommended for your car, the factory warranty is null and void. The manufacturer only accounts for its own recommendations. Same applies with God Almighty.

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who listens to counsel is wise". - Proverbs 12:15

May this book enlighten, edify and encourage you in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

A GODLY LIFETIME TOGETHER

CHAPTER 1

TRUSTING GOD WITH YOUR PARTNER

Trusting God with your partner is important to overcome fears that come with life's insecurities, your low self-esteem issues that come with your emotions, life experiences and conspiracies that come with your logic.

Trusting God with your partner is illogical and does not appeal to your emotions because trusting God with your partner is a thing of the Spirit.

You need to trust God with your partner because no matter how much you try to police their faithfulness to you, they will because of their sinful nature disappoint you, betray you and let you down in

regards to faithfulness. If they can let God down, who are you not be let down? Let the indwelling of the Holy Spirit hold them accountable and convict them to repentance.

It is not as you see it to be

It is wisdom and off the Spirit for you to be able to discern spirits that are raising against you in your partner and vis-versa. Jesus Christ loved Peter as his disciple yet he rebuked an evil spirit in Peter when that evil spirit verbally manifested in him. You need to be able to learn to counter-attack with wisdom, virtue and love evil spirits that manifest in your partner. You need to understand that the enemy is going to attack your peace, the enemy is going to attack anything pure, good and noble that you are lead to do through anybody, this includes your partner. Now if your partner is not at that spiritual level to be able to distinguish the voices talking or suggesting particular actions in their minds and hearts, they need to learn this by giving into the Spirit always.

Trust God with all the aspects of your life

Remember this life is no longer yours to live in the indulgement of your sinful nature and that you were brought at a high price. The Holy Spirit's leadership is faithful to lead you into God's will for your life, into all righteousness and into all good works. The Holy Spirit is a culprit to dropping love thoughts into your heart and mind. He, the Holy Spirit seeks to also fill your heart and mind with the things of the Spirit, that's if you allow Him too. God will not violate your will provided your will doesn't violate His will with your life. It is not easy to trust God with all the aspects of your life especially with a nature that wants be self-righteous and rebel against God Almighty. Trusting God with all your life aspects makes you triumph over fear, the uncertainties of life and leads you straight into God's purpose for your life. It's too much right? Take it in.

"7[Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, and relies on the Lord, and whose hope and confidence the Lord is". - Jeremiah 17:7

CHAPTER 2

COVERING EACH OTHER'S WEAKNESSES

Assumingly that you and partner have excelled in your brother/sister relationships , this will be no new hurdle . As profoundly Godly, justified righteous by faith in Jesus Christ and significantly lead by the Spirit. You have areas in your life where you are vulnerable and weak so much that you profusely hold on to the grace availed in Christ to overcome those weaknesses and vulnerabilities.

It is so easy for immature/infant believers to judge you badly and isolate themselves from you when those weaknesses/vulnerabilities are made evident as they distinctively fail to overlook your faults and shortcomings with much love. Jesus Christ said to His disciples, “People will know that you are my disciples

if you love one another ". Remember that, "Love prospers when faults are forgiven". These faults are sins against one another.

I have met many young believers who stipulated that that they would exit a marriage relationship on the account of adultery. Adultery to them was the highest treason one can commit in marriage. I was sold to that perspective until I realized how extremely carnal and not off the Spirit that was. Imagine God saying, I forgave all your sins except this one. Wouldn't that make God Almighty partial? Partiality in judgement is sin. All sins that men commit carry the same degree, it is just the consequences of those sins on the forgiven that differ. Let us not forget that believers vary as per their growth in the faith as to what they can overlook and forgive. At once, I didn't understand why a man would forgive his wife after he found her in an adulterous affair and still embrace her. It didn't click to me at time that this man was sold to Love, sold to the direction of the Spirit and that this man had a testimony higer than human comprehension. We want to be forgiven unconditionally by God but we don't want to forgive others unconditionally instead we justify our unforgiveness emotionally and logically.

Part of being led by the Spirit as a man, is living outside of your logic and as a woman, is living outside of your emotions. Spirit isn't logical nor emotional. Spirit is God. Obedience to God puts both emotions and logic to submission. God is radical, resilient and righteously rebellious. The Spirit will lead us beyond all emotional and logical appeals.

Come into a Godly relationship ready to forgive everything that God Himself would forgive otherwise you will not see God. We can't be Spirit-led individuals that fall in love with one another and not have a Spirit-filled relationship.

CHAPTER 3

RELATIONSHIP FOUNDATION

The biggest mistake we make as young believers is to assume that just because someone is saved , we on the same page in regards to the mindset of Jesus Christ .

You will meet born-again believers who hold firm to strange doctrines other than the one Jesus Christ passed on to us. At times potentials are unlikely to receive correction and recourse onto the right path. They are in a way justified in their ignorance. Should you then continue to pursue them? It is really up to you if you want to commit to evident division which will clearly backfire. For example, I and a daughter of a prophet aren't equally yoked. She will want us to do things according to her prophet while I am disciple of Jesus Christ. The worst case scenario which is

famously done by prophets is to turn her against you as her partner. This I have seen happen.

Church leaders have messed up many relationships because of their intentional mission to not pursue sound doctrine as Jesus Christ taught it.

There are favourable instances where both parties are willing wholeheartedly so to follow Jesus Christ teachings not their church's doctrine and however they become equally yoked and this leads to a lovely marriage and a life together.

Total conviction to the same life perspective is a great foundation. Why are foundations important? A foundation serves as a moral compass, an authority in which both parties are accountable to and as an encourager in the journey you are taking together.

Opt for Jesus Christ's teachings as the foundation of your relationship otherwise separation is inevitable.

"So everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them [obeying them] will be like a [p]sensible (prudent, practical, wise) man who built his house upon the rock". - Matthew 7:24

CHAPTER 4

SERVING GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN EACH OTHER

The mandate of Godly relations is to serve God anyhow and with everything in each other. Assumingly that you understand servanthood taught by Jesus Christ. There is no way that you can be great lovers without service to one another. Worldly relationship are about serving self by using each other. He uses her for sex and she uses him for money, no money means no sex - it's a transaction and a condition.

Love languages are designed to encourage servitude in partners. You serve each other as partners in ways that will cause both of you to thank God for each other's lives.

Serving each other destroys self and it pleases God. You need to understand the emotional value of your service to her and the logical value of your service to him.

Quality time to a woman is buying her favourite ice-cream/sweets/drink, complimenting her unendingly, making her laugh, giving her an ear to vent out her emotional frustrations undisturbed and slowly driving her around as you tune into Metro FM Sunday drive in the quiet night - This appeals to her emotionally as love. Why?

1. Companionship need fulfilled.

2. Attention need fulfilled.

3. Belonging need fulfilled.

Quality time to a man consists of logical value:

1. Respect (you come into his car, you greet him as the king he is, kiss him (not small-small).

2. Food (his favourite snack/meal).

3. Interest in his plans/recreation/interests (remembering a plan he shared, check how far he is with it), again ask him how his team played, the

fixtures and encourage him where he needs it the most.

We vary as individuals. One woman's emotional value varies from another and this too hardly applies to men (We are predictable). Women FEEL love through your actions. Men KNOW they are loved through your actions. Women want emotional value (How). Men want logical value (Why). Women love details. Men love what it entails.

Enemies that hinder servitude to each other:

1. Company of scorners/conspirators/gossipers.

2. Bad influences from others, family and believers.

3. Giving into flesh by entertaining flesh-filled meditations.

4. Prayer-less and Word-less life.

5. Lack of humility.

"26 Not so shall it be among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant".
- Matthew 20:26

CHAPTER 5

FINDING A GODLY LIFE PARTNER

Finding a Godly life partner isn't an easy journey but one that's possible and being found by a Godly partner is purpose altogether.

A man with a desire for marriage purposed by God will go on a journey to finding this wife material. Along the way, the Spirit will equip him, build him and qualify him for a suitable helper. He will meet all kinds of trials by women, all kinds of temptations by Satan made manifest in women that yield to him and tests by the Spirit to test the wisdom and knowledge given to him. This also will happen to the sister in waiting. All kinds of men will pursue and propose her from all walks of live. It is however imperative for the beloved sister to attain discernment, knowledge and wisdom in total leadership of the Holy Spirit within her.

When the man finds her and courts her over time, he will know. When she is found and courted over time, she also will know.

"13For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever.

14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God ". - Romans 8:13-14

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“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be a servant of all the others”.

– Matthew 20:26

May God bless and enlighten you in all his unlimited ways.

Yours faithfully

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